

31 January 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director Central Intelligence

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: Deputy Director, Plans

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: Project Review Committee

SUBJECT

: Project AEVIRGIL Amendment No. 2

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SOURCES METHODS EXEMPTION 3B2B NAZIWAR CRIMES BISCLOSURE ACT BATE 2007

- 1. It is hereby requested that Project AEVIRGIL be amended to provide an additional \$13,700 for the third and fourth markers of FY 55 increasing the AEVIRGIL budget from to to Five thousand dollars of the additional funds requested is appropriate for the implementation of a proposed organization of activities by the newly organized American Chapter of AEVIRGIL. The \$8,700 balance of the requested appropriation will be utilized to cover the increased costs for the last half of FY 55 of an expanded program of printing and balloon operations conducted by the parent organization in the field.
- 2. Project AEVIRGIL is designed to conserve, develop and utilize for the political and psychological struggle against the USSR the unique human resources constituted by the post-war Soviet emigration. To this end, the Central Association of Post-War Emigres (TsOPE) has been organized, supported and controlled by CIA for exploitation as an organization framework for all post-war emigres and as an incentive to potential defectors. TsOPE is further utilized as an attributable source and working mechanism for the conduct of psychological warfare operations against the USSR and the Soviet Occupation forces in Germany and Austria. The importance of Project AEVIRGIL as a weapon of psychological warfare has steadily grown during the past year. Increased KGB interest in its activities serves as the best testimony of this fact.
- 3. An American Chapter of TsOPE was organized in New York on 11 September 1954. The currently compact membership of the American Chapter is young, ambitious and displays above average enthusiasm and intelligence. The American Chapter represents a potentially significant asset in our anti-Soviet operations. Money and time must be expended to launch the Chapter's activities and organize it into an operating body, otherwise the Chapter will become moribund through





inaction. We conceive our main justification is aiding the American Chapter to be the development of cadre reserves for eventual REDCAP activities in Germany in connection with the parent project. An acute leadership problem exists in Germany which could become critical with the voluntary or involuntary departure of Gregory KLIMOV, the TsOPE President. An operating American Chapter should permit the establishment of a rotation scheme between Germany and the United States and thereby resolve the present personnel dilemma. A secondary advantage of more than token benefit to us may be derived from this Chapter. The propaganda effect of the international authenticity accorded to TsOPE by the overt success of an American Chapter would enhance the organization's appeal to the potential defector. Specially designed propaganda materials produced by the propaganda workshop of the American Chapter would lend impetus to this effect. Other activities which the American Chapter would sponsor include: formation of an editorial board for "SBOBODA," the house press organ of the parent organization, in which a section would be allocated to the American Chapter; production of propaganda materials for leaflets distributed by the parent organization in Germany; organization and sponsorship of lectures before army units, professional, civic, university and social groups on themes dealing with Soviet realities; organization of press conferences and panel discussions in connection with events in the USSR; mailing printed materials to publishers, universities, congressmen etc; speeches by individual members over radio outlets such as VOA and Radio Liberation; operation of an informal welfare support program for individual needy cases among post-war emigrants in the United States.

- h. The \$5,000.00 requested for the American Chapter will be mainly utilized to cover the expenses involved in engaging a full-time organizer and publicist, who will be supplied with an appropriate office. From a standpoint of security and cover, it is felt that he should purchase the necessary office equipment so that the office will have the atmosphere attached to an office of an emigre organization. An amendment to the Project Administrative Plan is being prepared by PAPS to authorize the expenditures of the American Chapter. Overtly, he will be appointed as some sort of administrative functionary for the American Chapter. Under this guise, he will coordinate the activities of the Chapter with the Headquarters case officer and will, in turn, transmit our directives to the officers of the Chapter.
 - 5. Appropriate SR Division authorities have indicated their approval to authorize the additional appropriation requested from available SR/PP funds. In view of the foregoing, it is recommended that approval be granted to the amendment request of Project AEVIRGIL.



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3. Summary: Project ARVINGIL/PP is a submidy project with an approved Administrative Plan. The annuluent to this project provides for the establishment and furnishing of an office in the LI and a request for additional funds for officers support. The Administrative Flan is to be essended to cover the establishment of this office in the ZI. All support is to be provided thru the cover organization and will require no action by the Office of Logistics.

Approved:

Under the Admin plan for this project it does not require that the Budget estimate be approved by the C/LO. However the prices and quantities quoted appear to be reasonable.

Approved: